GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NATIONALISATION OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to nationalise water resources especially the inter-state rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan formulated for the permanent solution to the river disputes and optimum utilization of water resources during 2001-2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) River water disputes are resolved through discussions and inter-State agreements failing which it is referred to a Tribunal constituted under Inter-State Water Disputes Act 1956. So far, the Krishna, Godavari and Narmada water disputes have been resolved through Tribunals while disputes on sharing of Ravi-Beas waters and Cauvery stand referred to Tribunals. For optimum utilization of water resources, a National Water Policy has been adopted in 1987 covering all the aspects of water resources development in the country. The State Governments are guided by the National Policy in the planning and implementation of water resources development projects.